

The way we treat animals reflects the values that we hold, and has a large impact on the livability and vitality of our communities. Congressman Blumenauer is a strong advocate for the protection of wild and domestic animals. He also works to protect the precious habitats of threatened and endangered species.

The Congressman's support for animal rights has earned him a 100% favorable rating from the Humane Society of the United States and a reputation as one of the foremost advocates of animal welfare in Congress. In 2007 he was named Humane Legislator of the Year by the Humane Society for his wide array of work on animal welfare issues.

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Protecting Domestic Animals

Congressman Blumenauer worked with Congressmen Gallegly and Moran in the 111th Congress to write and pass H.R. 5566, the Animal Crush Video Prohibition Act. In response to a Supreme Court ruling invalidating a 1998 law, the Congressmen's bill alleviated the Court's concerns while still banning the despicable practice of producing and selling animal crush videos. The legislation was passed by the House and the Senate signed into law December 2010. Blumenauer was an original cosponsor of the Truth in Fur Labeling Act, which was also signed into law in December, 2010. He supports legislation to restrict the proliferation of puppy mills and the use of wild primates as pets.

Protecting Farm Animals

Animals raised for human consumption deserve humane and compassionate treatment. Farms that raise and process livestock by more humane means give consumers the ability to choose food products that are of superior quality. Additionally, treating animals humanely helps prevent the spread of dangerous diseases like salmonella, BSE (mad cow disease), and bird flu.

Congressman Blumenauer spearheaded the effort to increase funding in the Agriculture Appropriations Bill to enforce the Animal Welfare Act. Joining Blumenauer were over 140 other members who supported increased funding for veterinary programs and disaster planning for animals, as well as enforcement of regulations that require humane conditions in slaughterhouses and prevent illegal animal fighting.

Congressman Blumenauer is a co-sponsor and outspoken advocate of the "Downed Animal and Food Safety Protection Act". Downed cattle – those who are too sick or injured to stand on their own – are fifty times more likely to have mad cow disease than healthy cattle. This legislation would make the temporary ban on slaughtering downed animals a permanent law.

Protecting Wild Animals

The health of wildlife, including those in urban settings, is directly linked to the health of the ecosystem. By managing growth and supporting livable communities, we can better protect precious habitats, threatened species and all wildlife. Congressman Blumenauer is widely recognized for his environmental efforts and commitment to preserving ecosystems for all the world's animals.

Blumenauer sponsored The Captive Primate Safety Act (CPSA), which would amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act and to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act.

While this bill passed the House in the 111th Congress, it did pass in the Senate. The congressman remains committed to seeing it signed into law.

Congressman Blumenauer continues to join his colleagues in Oregon and nationwide to support the “Horse Slaughter Bill”, which will reinstate the prohibition on the sale and slaughter of wild and free roaming horses. He also supports cost effective and humane ways of dealing with the wild horse and burro population throughout the United States.

Congressman Blumenauer continues to support President Barack Obama's call for increased U.S. leadership in whale protection at the International Whaling Conference.

Protecting Research Animals

Congressman Blumenauer is a strong advocate for continued investment in new research technologies, particularly for medical advancements. He also realizes that Congress has a role to play in reducing the harm to animals used in research, testing and education, by promoting alternative methods.

Blumenauer supports the language and intent of the “Pet Safety and Protection Act” which would ensure that all animals used in research facilities have been obtained legally through licensed dealers.